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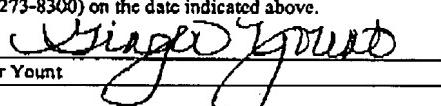
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Applicant(s): MARK C. DUHON ET AL.
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Filing Date: May 30, 2001
Title: EXPANDABLE ELEMENTS

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Application No. 09/871,240	Filing Date 05-30-2001	Examiner Jennifer Hawkins Gay	Customer No. 21906	Group Art Unit 3672	Confirmation No. 8266
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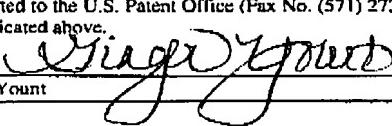
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 13, 2007

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The Current Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. The claims have not been amended by this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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